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CRITICAL ISSUES BEFORE 66TH ANNUAL CONVENTION OF LABOR

Denham Ruling on 'Affidavit' Seen As 'Hot Spot' at S.F. Gathering

An outstanding revival of trade-unionism is foreseen for the coming year in response to the current attempt to weaken the union movement and its fight for a decent life for wage-earners.

This is the prediction of AFL leadership gathering this week in San Francisco for the 66th annual convention of the Federation, probably the most important assembly in its history.

The cut in wages resulting from sky-high prices and the other attack on a worker's security, the Taft-Hartley law, will only serve to strengthen and expand the union movement, in the opinion of top-ranking leaders gathered for the two-week convention.

As this was written, the AFL Executive Council had postponed convention action on the signing of non-Communist affidavits under the T-H law until Thursday, since a decision was momentarily expected from the NLRB over-ruling General Counsel Denham's ruling that the Federation itself must comply.

Meanwhile, international unions, one by one, are complying with the affidavit requirement, according to their respective decisions, and this troublesome situation may be at least temporarily cleared up this week by the board's action.

The Federation is expected to lay plans for an all-out campaign with these major purposes: (1) Education of the public as to the purposes and benefits of organized labor; (2) education and strengthening of trade-union membership itself in this respect; (3) court tests and repeal of the Taft-Hartley law; (4) election of public officials who are considerate of labor's important place in the community, state and nation.

The executive council's report to convention delegates cites the huge success of the organizing campaign in 14 southern states, adding over 500,000 members to the AFL, as an indication of the continued expansion and growth of the union movement.

Regarding elections it describes the 1946 election as a vote against any kind of dictatorship and reaffirmation of democratic principles, individual rights and free enterprise.

"Unfortunately the party put in power interpreted the vote to mean repudiation of all policies and decisions of the party previously entrusted with responsibility for legislation and administration," the council report declared.

PLASTERERS PAY HONORS TO OFFICERS AT BANQUET

Officials of Plasterers' unions from all the northern part of the state gathered at a dinner given last Saturday, October 4, at the Hotel Stewart, San Francisco, by the Northern California District Council of Plasterers and Cement Finishers. The occasion was to honor International President John E. Rooney and other top officials of the union.

Walter E. Robbie, business representative of Local 825 of Pittsburgh, was master of ceremonies.

Some 150 officers and guests of Plasterer and Cement Finisher locals in the northern part of the state were present. They included: International officers: John E. Rooney, general president; John J. Hauck, first vice-president; Walter A. Redmond, secretary-treasurer; Francis O'Toole, intl. vice-president from Boston; Michael Gallagher, intl. vice-president from New York; Edward Leonard, intl. vice-president from Pittsburgh; John H. Smith and Joseph Petri, Jr., intl. vice-presidents from California; James McDevitt and John Carroll of Boston, Roland Watson of Seattle, J. Anderson of St. Louis, and Jack Burns of Cleveland—all international organizers.

Other guests included Al Green and Lowell Nelson, vice-presidents of the California State Federation of Labor; F. J. Nieberding, secretary of the Northern California District Council; William Coughlin, labor representative of the northern California chapter of the Associated General Contractors.

A Statesman Speaks

Said President Romulo Betancourt of Venezuela: "The only way to beat communism is to improve the standard of living and the productive capacity of the people on a just and equitable basis."

International Labor Press Holds Annual Meet in S. F.

Saturday and Sunday, October 4 and 5, marked the national convention of the International Labor Press, held in San Francisco at the St. Francis Hotel. The largest attendance of delegate members ever to attend marked this session, there being 56 AFL labor papers and journals represented.

One of the important problems brought up was the matter of a code of ethics for AFL member papers which would determine eligibility for membership and continued affiliation. This code of ethics and statement of policy outlined was to be presented to the AFL convention during its sessions in San Francisco with a request that the AFL convention adopt ways and means of supplying all ILP newspapers with a more complete news service.

The Federated Press labor news service again received condemnation from various delegates and from several of the committees for its allegedly communistic leanings and an action of the ILP convention regarding Federated Press was that AFL newspapers could well do without the services of the Federated Press for this reason. At a dinner Sunday evening, October 5, AFL President William Green spoke to the convention.

AFL Executive Board member George Harrison spoke on the subject of a new more complete AFL news service for ILP member papers. He is on a committee with Mathew Woll and William Birthright to investigate the possibility of this further.

Mathew Woll was again re-elected as president and Lewis Herrmann was elected secretary-treasurer. A new vice-president from the West Coast is Jimmie Hicks of the Sacramento Union Labor Bulletin.

FEDERATION AIDS CHEST

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)

SAN FRANCISCO—Together with the American Federation of Labor, the California State Federation of Labor places its seal of approval on the efforts of the Community Chest to alleviate the sufferings of humanity, and urges the unions to respond liberally to the campaign for contributions. In the State of California, the month of October has been set aside for this drive.

Pres. William Green and other ranking officials of the AFL—particularly Vice Pres. Mathew Woll, who is serving as chairman of the Labor-Employee Participation Department of the Community Chests and Councils, Inc.—have given their unqualified approval to this important campaign.

At the last annual convention of the CSFL in Sacramento, the Community Chest campaigns were unanimously endorsed by the delegates. The federation urges once more whole-hearted support in this drive.

Teamsters to Sponsor Movies for Children

LOS ANGELES—As part of a union program to help combat juvenile delinquency and keep children off the streets during dangerous traffic hours, the Intl. Bro. of Teamsters (AFL) here will sponsor free Saturday morning movies for children of members. Full length films, comic cartoons and educational shorts will be shown at the union hall.

There are two classes of people, the righteous and the unrighteous. The classifying is done by the righteous.

Democrats Get Equal 'Credit' For Hitler Law

WASHINGTON—Setting out on a speaking tour designed "to talk about the 80th Congress," House Speaker Joseph Martin (R., Mass.) gave congressional Democrats equal credit with Republicans for passage of the Taft-Hartley labor law.

In a speech prepared for delivery before Wisconsin Republicans in Milwaukee and broadcast over the NBC network, Martin said "a courageous Congress disregarded partisanship and enacted the legislation over the veto of the President. In passing this legislation a majority of the Democrats in the Senate and House joined the Republicans in providing a two-thirds vote."

Martin also boasted of the 80th Congress record in slashing the federal budget, cleaning communism out of the government, nearly passing the Knutson tax cut bill and unifying the armed services.

"Time will not permit me to enumerate the full accomplishments of the 80th Congress," Martin said, winding up without mentioning FEPC legislation, revision of the social security system, modernizing the wage-hour act or anti-poll tax legislation. High prices, he said, are being investigated.

Tory Newspaper Publisher All Set for Atoms

CHICAGO—Memo to the United Nations general assembly: You can stop worrying about an atomic war, boys. Col. Robert R. McCormick is prepared.

The polo-playing publisher of the Chicago Tribune, noted for his isolationist views, is all set to save his own skin should atomic bombs start falling. An atomic bomb-proof shelter has been built under the Tribune building, according to an announcement in the Tribune.

"A spacious second basement storage area beneath Tribune tower—a room massively walled and ceilinged with heavy concrete and steel beams—has been designated the primary atomic shelter and directions are being prepared for every office and department for reaching this place," the Tribune said.

The shelter can accommodate 3,000 persons. The Tribune isn't particularly disturbed about the several billion other people in the world who won't have any shelters to protect them from the terrors of atomic death. In Tribune-land, it's McCormick First.

Extra! NAM Begins To Believe Prices Are a Little High

NEW YORK—Even the Natl. Assn. of Manufacturers has arrived at the conclusion that prices are high. But, insists an editorial in the current NAM News, big business was right all along when it said that prices would adjust themselves in a "reasonable" length of time.

The trouble, according to the editorial, is that "monkey wrenches (have) been thrown into the economic machine." Among these it cites brakes on production and increased labor costs. Tripping himself up, however, the editorial writer admits that "production of manufactured goods is up—way up."

The only answer, says the editorial, is "more production" and "more teamwork" from labor.

Machinists Win First Victory Under T-H Act

WASHINGTON—The first referendum under the Taft-Hartley law for the union shop ended in victory for Dist. 9, Intl. Assn. of Machinists (unaffiliated), the NLRB announced.

Of the five IAM members voting in the poll at J.M.J. Products Co., Belleville, Ill., four voted for a union shop agreement and one opposed it. The company had consented to the election. The IAM, only major union qualified to use NLRB procedure under the Taft-Hartley law, has four more union shop elections pending.

WFTU's Trade Depts. Scored By Int'l Group

WASHINGTON—International organization of unions by trade or industry is a question to be decided by individual unions themselves rather than by the federations of which they are members, the Intl. Transportworkers Federation executive committee said, ending a 3-day meeting here.

The setting up of trade departments by the World Federation of Trade Unions, to which most ITF unions are affiliated through the labor centers of their own countries, was hit by the ITF executive as "aimed at placing an accomplished fact before the ITF."

"The executive committee deplores this action and invites the affiliated organizations to insist on their right to decide for themselves in this matter," the ITF policy resolution read. The CIO is the American WFTU affiliate, the AFL having declined to connect itself with the warborn world labor group.

Gen. Sec. J. H. Oldenbrook of Holland pointed out the ITF was organized 51 years ago, and today is organized in six sections—railroad, docks, highway transport, inland navigation, fishing and seafaring. A seventh section, civil aviation, is being formed, he said.

Oldenbrook will confer with officials of the Air Line Pilots Assn. (AFL) about joining the ITF, to which the Railway Labor Executives Assn. (made up of AFL and independent rail unions), the Seafarers Intl. Union (AFL), Masters, Mates & Pilots (AFL) and the Marine Engineers Beneficial Assn. (CIO) now belong. Negotiations to bring in the Intl. Bro. of Teamsters (AFL) are continuing, Oldenbrook said.

AIDING GERMANS

The executives decided on a policy of sending CARE food packages to union leaders in Germany and Austria, explained as "a reward for work well done, and to enable them to spend full-time on trade unionism instead of looking for food."

The ITF will hold a conference in the spring of 1948, with spokesmen for transport unions in 35 countries with 3 million members slated to attend. No place has yet been chosen.

Citrine to Head Great Britain's Elec. Industry

LONDON—Sir Walter Citrine, long-time general secretary of the British Trades Union Congress and until recently a member of the National Coal Board which runs the country's publicly-owned mines, has been named head of the board which will administer Britain's nationalized electricity industry.

Replacing Citrine on the coal board is Sir Joseph Hallsworth, head of the National Union of Distributive and Allied Workers and a member of the TUC general council.

Another labor representative on the new electricity board will be Pres. E. W. Bussey of the Electrical Workers Union.

All trade unionists are required to resign their labor posts when accepting government assignments in nationalized industries.

Britain's Job Draft Applies To Unemployed

LONDON—Contrary to the popular belief that the government would order workers in non-essential industries to change their jobs, Britain's new manpower control law covers only those workers who lose their jobs and seek new ones. Such people will have to register at labor exchanges, where they will be directed to an essential occupation. Newspapers of all political views express grave doubts that the new law will help the country's undermanned trades, because only a handful of people will be affected while hundreds of thousands in luxury trades will be left where they are.

NOTICE CULINARY WORKERS

Nominations for officers of Salinas Culinary Alliance 467 will be opened at a meeting at the Salinas Labor Temple later this month, the date to be set by International Representative C. T. McDonough.

All members of Local 467 will be sent written notices of the meeting, reports union secretary Bertha Boles.

Mrs. Boles added: "All members please note that Local 467 is not in receivership and never has been. The union is merely under the trusteeship of the International Union. The union's charter is still hanging on the wall and has been there."

Nominations for officers will be accepted at two meetings, one in daytime and the other at night, with election at a third meeting.

XMAS PARTY FIGHT CARD SET OCT. 16

A program of boxing and wrestling matches will be given at the Salinas Armory on Thursday, October 16, under auspices of the Salinas Central Labor Council, to help raise funds for the Christmas Party for youngsters of Salinas area.

Chairman Randolph Fenchel and Secretary Pete Andrade of the Christmas Party committee report that everything is progressing as planned for the fight card and for the party itself.

The Christmas Party will be attended by some 2,500 youngsters, it has been estimated. Date of the party is December 21.

Program for the boxing and wrestling is expected to be ready for printing in next week's Labor News, Andrade said.

Co-ordinators Active in South Part of County

Organization efforts by business agents and unions of the Salinas AFL Coordinating Committee have been concentrated on the southern part of the county, reports George H. Harter, business agent of Carpenters 925.

Business agents of building trades unions have been making numerous trips weekly to Soledad, Gonzales and King City to organize non-union work there.

Harter added that bids will be opened this week for construction of the new plant for the Salinas Californian across from the county courthouse. Work is expected to be started shortly.

Carpenter Meet For Four Cities Set for Monday

A meeting of Carpenter Union officials and representatives from local unions in Santa Cruz, Watsonville, Monterey and Salinas has been scheduled for Monday evening, October 13, at Salinas Carpenters' Union Hall.

Steps to form an area conference with regular meetings and interchange of union members without the necessity of permits will be taken at this meeting.

Mrs. Ray Haynes Back on the Job

Mrs. Raymond Haynes, the former Frances Douglass, was returned to her desk as office secretary of Teamsters Union 890 of Salinas, following her honeymoon trip to the Southwest.

Mrs. Haynes says she and her husband visited the Grand Canyon and Carlsbad Caverns while on their trip. They have taken a home in Salinas.

Pickets Continue At Forest Box Co.

Box Makers Union 3034 voted at a membership meeting last week to continue the picketing of the Forest Box Co. at Salinas, reports Business Representative Jim Sims. The firm, which has refused to sign the standard union agreement here, has been picketed for several weeks.

BARTENDERS HALL TO BE VACATED AS FIRE HAZARD

Notice to vacate has been served on Culinary-Bartenders Union 483, lessee of Bartenders Hall, 315 Alvarado St., Monterey, the hall being condemned as a meeting place by the Monterey City Fire Department.

Nicola Marotta, building operator and lease holder, informed Local 483 to vacate as soon as possible.

Bartenders Hall has been the meeting place for the Central Labor Council, Bartenders, Butchers, Clerks, and many other organizations, all renting from Local 483. These crafts are now looking for another meeting place.

George L. Rice, business agent for Local 483, said that his union has looked for another meeting hall or a place which might be converted into a meeting hall, but without success. He added that Local 483 will continue its efforts and if successful in finding quarters will be "more than happy" to accommodate unions wishing meeting space.

Culinary Union Heads Coming Here for Dinner

International President Hugo Ernst and International Secretary Ed S. Miller of Culinary Workers and Bartenders, along with Pacific Coast Organizer C. T. McDonough, will be in this area on Friday, October 10, and will be guests at a dinner meeting of local union officials at Monterey.

The dinner will be at Casa Munras, starting at 7 p.m. and executive officers of Culinary-Bartenders 345 of Santa Cruz County, Culinary-Bartenders 483 of Monterey, Culinary 467 of Salinas, and Bartenders 545 of Salinas will be present. George Rice of the Monterey union will be toastmaster.

National Heads Of Laborers Feted at Dinner

International officers of the Construction and General Laborers Union were paid tribute at a dinner dance at the Palace Hotel in San Francisco last week with International President Moreschi as keynote speaker.

Attending from this area were Paul Burnett, business agent of Santa Cruz Laborers Local 283; Randolph Fenchel, president of Salinas Laborers 272; William Bonar, business representative; Herbert Gilmore, president; William Zalabak and Pat Meyers, all of San Jose Laborers 270.

Cement Finishers Asked in Monterey

A call for cement finishers was issued by S. M. Thomas, representative of Plasterers and Cement Finishers at Monterey, last week as building construction continued to boom in the Monterey area.

Thomas, also business representative for Laborers Union 690, said all men of both crafts are employed.

The bridge construction at Big Sur is started and calling for men now. In addition, more work is starting on the army barracks reconstruction job at Fort Ord, Thomas added.

Fish Cannery to Ballot Oct. 29

Annual elections of the Fish Cannery Workers Union at Monterey will be held at the union's headquarters on October 29, it was announced last week. Nominations were made last month and the ballot has been approved by the election committee.

Fishing has been at a standstill with the "light of the moon" last week but more so due to the absence of sardines. One plant, San Xavier, got a load of albacore last week and worked a crew to pack this, the union said.

Andrade Named To AFL Confab

Secretary Peter A. Andrade of the Central Labor Council of Monterey County has been named as delegate from that body to the American Federation of Labor convention in San Francisco. He said he plans to attend as many sessions as possible.

TAFT "GREETED" AGAIN



Boos, catcalls, placards denouncing his anti-labor law was the greeting Senator Robert "Eat Less" Taft (R., Ohio) received from Seattle's union labor. Here Taft and his wife are being driven from the railroad station after demonstrators had finished with him. Wherever he's appeared on his current western trip workers have given him similar receptions. (Federated Pictures)

SAFETY MEET OCTOBER 21

(Release from State Fed. of Labor)
SAN FRANCISCO—The Division of Industrial Safety which has undertaken the revision of the Electrical Safety Orders will consider a series of articles by an Advisory Group at meetings scheduled for San Francisco on October 21-24, and starting at 10:00 a.m. on the fourth floor of the Industrial Relations Building, 965 Mission street, and in Los Angeles on October 27-30, starting at 10:00 a.m. in the State Building.

The following matters will be considered: Electrical Safety Order, Article 8, Automatic Overcurrent Protection (California Administrative Code, Article 8), Electrical Safety Order, Article 9, Grounding, Electrical Safety Order Article 19, Wiring Installation Design.

Remaining articles are in the process of preparation and when completed will be submitted to the advisory group at a subsequent date. Unions interested in these hearings should make it their business to be present on the dates listed above.

"Suits" the Boys!



The publicity blurb with this picture told all about the wonderful qualities of lastex yarn—and how it's the coming kind of swim suit material. But nary a mention of the model. No address, not even a name. (Federated Pictures.)

Printers Flay Denham Attack As 'One-sided'

INDIANAPOLIS—A test case filed by NLRB Counsel Robert Denham against the Intl. Typographical Union (AFL) and Baltimore Local 12 "makes it abruptly clear how one-sided both the Taft-Hartley act and his enforcement of it are," ITU President Woodruff Randolph said.

Randolph's statement came after the NLRB counsel filed an unfair practices complaint charging the union and local with refusing "to bargain collectively in good faith" with 22 Baltimore printing firms organized as the Graphic Arts League. The complaint is aimed at the new no-contract policy adopted by the ITU to protect closed shop conditions from the Taft-Hartley act.

"With nothing else to do," Randolph said, "Denham's office has been concentrating on the ITU. In his undue haste he perhaps has overlooked the fact that whatever compulsion he can get for the ITU will have to be dishied out to the big corporations the Taft-Hartley law is designed to protect."

"The Baltimore Typographical Union did not refuse to bargain on anything and was expecting more meetings when the conspirators against the ITU took over. The Baltimore union did not break off negotiations and even today, before the expiration of the current agreement, is available for further negotiations with a view to coming to a conclusion with satisfactory arrangements."

"Having made it impossible for trade unions to use the NLRB, Mr. Denham, by the precipitate issuance of this complaint in this case, makes it abundantly clear how one-sided both the Taft-Hartley act and his enforcements of it are."

"Contrary to the invariable practice of the board, no efforts whatever have been made to settle this case on an amicable basis. The complaint was served on us without warning, without adequate investigation and without exploring a possibility of reaching an agreement."

The difference between a bachelor and a married man is that when a bachelor walks the floor with baby—he's dancing.

New York Housewife Tells Price Probe Committee Facts of Life

NEW YORK—A congressional subcommittee investigating high prices here got a practical shopping lesson when Mrs. Nessa Feldman of the League of Women Shoppers showed them two market baskets of food.

The first basket could have been assembled in 1939 at a cost of \$3.72. It held almost twice as much food as the second basket, assembled two days before the hearing at a cost of \$10.32, almost three times more money. Here was the lineup:

ITEM	Basket 1 1939 prices	Ceiling June 1945	Basket 2 Sept. 1947
Potatoes (10 lbs.)	.22	.30	.60
Flour (5 lbs.)	.21	.35	.49
Coffee (1 lb.)	.23	.38	.51
Bread (1 lb.)	.06	.10	.15
Butter (1 lb.)	.31	.57	1.00
Milk (1 qt.)	.12	.18	.31
Eggs (1 doz.)	.31	.60	.97
Lettuce (1 head)	.08	.15	.25
Round Steak (1 lb.)	.35	.44	.89
Bacon (1 lb.)	.31	.41	.89
Leg of Lamb (5 lbs.)	1.15	2.55	5.45
Margarine (1 lb.)	.16	.26	.42
Crisco (1 lb.)	.19	.24	.39
	\$3.72	\$6.58	\$10.32

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CALLING 'EM STRAIGHT



By ED HUGHES

Do you know that an honor-
dampening insult fired by John
McGraw started the modern
world series currently featuring
the Dodgers and the Yankees?

The first WS clash in 1903 was
unofficial. The then infant Ameri-
can League's champion, Boston,
licked the Pittsburgh Pirates. The
Bostons again won the flag the
following season while John Mc-
Graw captured his first Giant pen-
nant in the National. When the
Boston club challenged the Giants,
McGraw snapped: "I cannot en-
danger the standing of my team
by sending it against a minor
league club."

There was no series in 1904, but
McGraw's remark stirred a brief
baseball war between the two
leagues. Peace was patched up by
the frantic magnates, who agreed
to an annual series between the
two circuits. Oddly, profits didn't
enter into the wrangle. Sole issue
was the prestige of the American
League. Yet, McGraw's ancient in-
sult now pays off to the tune of
more than a million dollars each
fall at the series' box office win-
dows!

Conceived in insult and the
avenging of same, the WS is a
tremendous spectacle, also a com-
petitive hoax. The better team
may or may not win. Individual
and club form is as uncertain as
an old woman crossing the street.
A 7-game series is too short to
determine the true power of the
teams. It is like scheduling a
heavyweight championship bout for
three instead of 15 rounds.

I once asked Bill McKechnie
who had won and lost WS clashes,
how many series games would pro-
vide a decent test. "I'd say 21
games, first to win 11," Bill coun-
tered.

Two classic "form reversals"
stand out, though there are many
others. Go back to the Braves
against the Athletics, 1914, and the
Cubs facing the White Sox, 1906.
The Braves were one of those
zany "miracle" teams. This mad
outfit actually climbed from the
National cellar in mid-season and
won the pennant. Then, in the WS
it wallowed one of Connie Mack's
greatest "A" teams—and four
straights at that!

The brilliant Cub machine of
1906, led by the Peerless Leader,
Frank Chance, still holds the high-
est percentage of games won in a
season—116, with but 36 defeats.
Yes, the White Sox beat the Cubs.
And the Sox, that fall, ranked as
the lowest in club batting in the
American League—228!

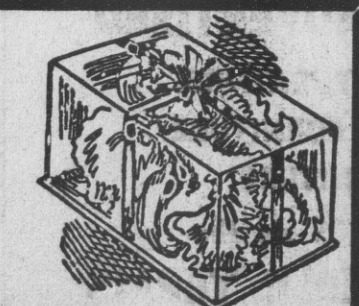
WORLD SERIES NO REAL TEST
At the risk of being yanked to
a loyalty test, let me repeat: The
World Series way of life cannot
possibly produce genuine world
champions. It merely produces the
champions of four out of seven
games. For heartlessly (?) de-
mented fans it does produce a
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Important: All members of Local 890: The Community Chest
is again requesting financial assistance so that the various
agencies will again afford relief to millions of destitute people
throughout the world, including our own community. There is
no need to go into detail as to how this money is expended—
you may procure all of this information from your local news-
paper. Much of the high cost of
living today is due to shortages
abroad and in spite of all we are
able to do, thousands of people will
die of starvation in Europe and
Asia. So your union requests that
all of its members contribute what
they can to this most worthy cause.
REGISTER TO VOTE NOW

As you well know, your union
has received its charter, the title
of which is "General Teamsters,
Warehousemen and Helpers Union
Local 890." Its jurisdiction covers
all of Monterey County. As this
goes to press, an office has been
opened at 315 Alvarado Street,
Monterey, upstairs over the Culinary
Alliance. Bro. Glen E. Wil-
kerson, formerly employed by Local
287, has been appointed busi-
ness agent for that area. In a
short time telephone numbers will
be listed for that district so that
all of our members will be amply
served.

We hope that this change will af-
ford a strong, more unified team-
ster organization for Monterey
County and in turn be of some
value to all organized labor. Uni-
ty has been very much needed in
Monterey County among the work-
ing people.

We wish to advise all of our
members in Monterey County as
well as people whom we have
working in processing plants in
Hollister, Watsonville, San Juan
and Gilroy that a location has been
found at the end of John Street,
Salinas, on the main Los Angeles-
San Francisco highway, where in a
short time an office will be built
to accommodate all our members.
REMEMBER TO VOTE IN '48



We wish to advise all members
transferring in from Locals 296
and 287 that as soon as all work-
ing agreements are made available
to this office they will also be made
available to you on the job.
VOTE IN '48

In this column next week you will
find Voluntary Disability Insurance
"Voluntary Disability Insurance"
plan which is being adopted by
members working for Frank Raiter
Canning Company. A comparison
of benefits under this plan with
benefits provided by the state plan
is much more beneficial. We ask
all members working in canneries
to study this plan.
REGISTER TO VOTE NOW

Regas and Sons, San Juan—An-
other meeting is scheduled with
this employer for October 15 at
which time a cooperative plan will
be adopted and returned for your
ratification. It is the hope of your
union that something concrete will
result from this meeting for the
benefit of members employed there.
VOTE IN '48

Important—As reported in this
column last week the unemploy-
ment insurance act has been
changed so as to be most detri-
mental to seasonal workers. This
is to advise all our members in
canneries, food processing plants,
etc., regardless of what informa-
tion you may receive to the con-
trary, register immediately for em-
ployment at the nearest state em-
ployment office. If work is not
available register for unemployment
insurance; do not fail to do
this even though you may not be
eligible for benefits.

In a short time we may be able
to procure simple forms with
questions and answers. A concen-
trated effort may be made in the
legislative hall to combat this most
vicious law which has taken away
unemployment insurance from 1 1/2
million workers in California. This
fight is being conducted by our
State Council of Cannery Unions
and various other departmental
councils within the framework of
our International and AFL on the
west coast.
REMEMBER TO REGISTER

Attention All Members—Patron-
ize our union shop card, a cut of
which appears in this column. Pat-
ronize only union services which is
a sign of service rendered and
made your good union conditions.
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will receive a reduction in pur-
chase of gas and oil at the Fire-
stone Super Service Station, Mon-
terey and San Luis Streets, Salinas.
This firm employs only members of
our organization and the shop card

is on display.
VOTE IN '48

Important All Members—Due to
an increase in work, as a result of
our change in jurisdiction, we re-
quest of our members that when-
ever possible, please pay your dues
in the office of the union. This
will save your business agent much
time, and more freedom to handle
grievances instead of going out
collecting dues, which takes up the
biggest part of the day. By paying
your dues at the office of the union,
you increase the efficiency of the
men whom you pay to represent
you.

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dues at Main and John Streets. In
Monterey pay them to Glen E.
Wilkerson at 315 Alvarado Street,
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cently been opened.

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office you may mail your dues by
purchasing a post office money
order, inclose your book and it
will be stamped and mailed back
to you.

If you have not received your
insurance policy, notify the office
by mail or call in person. Only
members in good standing are en-
titled to benefits from this union.

VETERANS NEWS

Veterans Administration loan
guarantee officials have taken steps
to counteract practices by some
real estate operators and mortgage
lenders which prevent veterans
from getting the full benefit of
their GI home loans, VA reported.
According to Arnold A. Wilken,
VA loan guarantee chief for Cali-
fornia, Arizona, Nevada and Ha-
waii, VA has:

1. Warned veterans not to make
any "side deals" in order to pur-
chase over-priced homes with GI
loans.
2. Requested mortgage lenders
to curb the growing tendency of
arbitrarily requiring veterans buy-
ing homes with the aid of GI loans
to make down payments, despite
the fact that the government guar-
antees the lender against loss for
50 percent of the purchase price
up to a maximum of \$4,000.

"Some veterans have paid out
money in 'side deals' to close the
purchase of over-priced homes,"
Wilken said. "In other words, the
deal is to finance the home under
a GI loan, apparently for the ap-
praised value. Then the veteran
pays a bonus or extra price to the
seller."

"This is a risky practice for all
parties concerned," Wilken said.
"The law requires an independent
appraisal of the 'reasonable value'
of real estate purchased with a GI
loan. This protects the veteran
against over-priced property and
the 'reasonable value' is the maxi-
mum price which can be paid un-
der a GI guaranteed loan."

For more than a year, VA of-
ficials have been acutely aware that
the practice of some mortgage
lenders of arbitrarily requiring
down payments has been prohibi-
ting growing numbers of veterans
from buying homes of their choice,
even though their incomes were
ample to carry the payments ac-
cording to established lending
practices, Wilken stated.

VA has sought to counteract the
down payment policy by calling
the attention of lenders to the fact
that the fundamental purpose of
the GI loan is to permit veterans
to obtain 100 percent financing
covering their purchase or con-
struction of homes.

VA officials have pointed out on
numerous occasions that if veter-
ans cannot get loans without put-
ting down cash, then the GI bill is
not achieving its purpose and lend-
ers are inviting a change in legis-
lation which will accomplish the
purpose, Wilken said.

A survey of home loans pro-
cessed by VA in California during
July revealed that there is no hard
and fast rule among California
lending institutions regarding re-
quirements for down payments, but
the practices vary widely in differ-
ent sections of the state.

The survey revealed that lend-
ing institutions required veterans
to make no down payments in 57
percent of the loans in the San
Francisco area, in 26 percent of
the loans in the Los Angeles area
and less than one percent of the
loans in the San Diego area.

Down payments of \$1,000 or less
were required in 29 percent of the
loans in San Francisco, 53 percent
in Los Angeles and 84 percent in
San Diego.

Down payments ranging from
\$1,000 to \$3,000 were required in
11 percent of the loans in the San
Francisco area, 17 percent in Los
Angeles and 14 percent in San
Diego.

The VA has guaranteed a total
of 96,739 GI home loans in Cal-

DENHAM SPURNS PLEA TO ALTER RED AFFIDAVIT

WASHINGTON—Labor's opposi-
tion has failed to budge NLRB
General Counsel Robert N. Den-
ham.

Under fire from both the AFL
and CIO because of his order that
non-communist affidavits be signed
by all top officers, Denham is de-
termined to stick to his guns.

Answering the argument that
the ruling might damage the AFL,
Denham said: "It might be very
convenient to rewrite the Taft-
Hartley labor law—but that's not
my privilege."

When Denham was asked about
the refusal of AFL Vice Pres. John
L. Lewis to sign the affidavit, he
replied: "I can't help what Mr.
Lewis does. I don't want to appear
stubborn about this. But I have
given long and careful considera-
tion to the Taft-Hartley law and
there isn't any other ruling to be
made on the non-communist af-
fidavit as I see it."

"Maybe the courts will differ
with me. But no one yet has been
able to convince me that I'm
wrong."

Denham has extended the dead-
line for labor to submit the af-
fidavits until October 31.

Thought Control Still Operating Among Japanese

TOKYO—In Japan books aren't
being burned but the plates for
one have just been melted down.
The book was written by the well
known American author and asso-
ciate editor of the Saturday Eve-
ning Post, Edgar Snow.

The second volume of Snow's
Battle of Asia, already set up in
type, was held likely to arouse
dangerous thoughts by Gen. Dou-
glas MacArthur's censors and so the
publishers have reluctantly melted
down the plates.

Other Snow books have also been
censored. The first half of his fa-
mous Red Star Over China was
published here last January and
was immediately a best-seller. The
second volume has been held up
for seven months by American of-
ficials. Snow's People On Our Side
likewise is having difficulties. A
request for a publication permit
was made six months ago but has
not yet been answered.

704,000.
Wilken pointed out that the vet-
erans with a total value of \$756-
eran has proven himself a good
loan risk since only 15 loans have
been defaulted to the extent that
they resulted in claims against the
government.

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LOCAL 483 REPORTS



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EMPLOYEES & BARTENDERS
ALLIANCE 483
MONTEREY, CALIFORNIA

Effective with this issue of the Monterey County Labor News, all members in good standing with the Hotel and Restaurant Employees, and Bartenders' International Alliance will receive, at their homes, weekly issues of the Labor News. This policy was presented to the membership at the general meeting on September 20 and was unanimously approved. It is hoped that the entire membership will look forward to receiving the Labor News each week, and by reading all sections of the paper, increase their general knowledge of the many problems which confront all of us at the present time.

Our union will present a column of interest to the Bartenders and Culinary Workers in each issue. Naturally, the original news must come from some source, so it is hoped that any items deemed of interest to the members of our local will be brought to the attention of the office staff in order that they may be included in the column. In addition, all members are URGED to notify the union office of any change in their home address. This is most important.

On September 26, your business agent met with C. T. McDonough, international organizer, in San Francisco. Bro. McDonough, after a careful survey of the possibilities of the Monterey Peninsula Area, has estimated that we have a potential membership of more than 1,000 restaurant, club and bar employees within our jurisdiction. Any thinking person will probably agree that we do have lots of possibilities to increase our membership to at least that figure. Now it is up to all of us to get on the ball, and do our utmost to grow and prosper. If each union-conscious member we have will act as an independent organizer for our own local, and do his or her best to improve our organization, there is no reason why we cannot grow in size and power, and thus be better enabled to improve our wage scales and working conditions. Think it over, and then get busy!!

PERSONAL NOTES

Lee Pottharst, of the Rainbow Cafe, was released from the Monterey Hospital after a serious bout with pneumonia. Lee is now recovering at home.

Elaine Dorey, formerly of the Barbecue Inn, gave birth to a baby girl on September 30 at the Monterey Hospital. Congratulations to Elaine and husband Bob.

Gaylord Moore of the Snack Bar

Labor Members
Of Parliament
In Trip Behind
'Iron Curtain'

LONDON—Eight Labor members of Parliament with an "I'm from Missouri" reaction to the horror tales they have heard about eastern Europe embarked for a first-hand view of Czechoslovakia, Yugoslavia, the Soviet Union and Poland.

The eight include people with backgrounds in trade unions, co-operatives, education and foreign affairs.

Object of the trip, according to Konni Zilliacus, a member of the group, "is to study the national plans of the chief east European countries, their trade relations with each other and with Britain, the part played by unions and co-operatives in running national plans, the progress that has been achieved since the end of the war and the kind of society these countries are endeavoring to build."

We want to find out to what extent these countries might be able and willing to take British goods in exchange for their exports of food and raw materials."

Besides Zilliacus, the group includes Arthur C. Allen, Geoffrey Bing, Arthur Champion, Frederick Lee, Benjamin Parkin, George Thomas and Henry White.

Force, Dollars
Said No Answer
To Korean Mess

By HUGH DEANE

SEOUL, Korea—South Korea is barely the size of a Chinese province but it presents a formidable problem to the U. S. The American decision to maintain extreme rightists in power must be implemented by a steady stream of dollars and materials and by reliance on force—with prospects of continued disorder and violence bordering on civil war.

The chronic ailments of the south Korean economy—food shortage, agrarian unrest, raw material shortage, unemployment, highly organized profiteering and steady inflation—can be prevented from shaping into a crisis only by continuous U.S. aid.

DOLLARS NO SOLUTION

Dollars and materials alone, however, will not solve the problem, the evidence indicates. The political opposition in south Korea is too deeply rooted to yield to a mere stabilization of the old order.

U. S. Army officers blame the unrest which they see everywhere on "Commie agitators." In reality a long pent-up urge for far-reaching change was released in the cramped semi-feudal society of Korea by Japan's collapse and the unrest stems from anger that change was blocked.

Despite three major periods of suppression, in which many were killed and hundreds arrested, an organized left still exists. Since it is underground its strength is difficult to assess. But it has proved it cannot be ignored as a political factor.

LABOR PERSECUTED

The trade unions, which attained a membership of half a million in the first eight months after the war, have been driven underground but, according to union leaders, well over half the workers still pay their dues. Small strikes, slowdowns, gestures of defiance by workers, police action in the factories, beatings and killings by terrorists still occur frequently.

The countryside, where the U.S. has preserved the old landlordism intact, hangs between quiet submission and near-rebellion. The peasants, their hopes for distribution of the former Japanese-owned lands virtually dead, are embittered by corrupt grain collections at bayonet point and by never-ending special levies to support the political machine of ultra-rightist leader Dr. Syngman Rhee.

Proof of the widespread dissatisfaction is found in the fact that the police force is at least double that which served the unpopular Japanese. Police officials constantly demand more men and more weapons. "Village police boxes are defenseless against the red-agitated mobs," one provincial police chief expressed it. The head of the Dept. of Public Information in North Cholla province was more optimistic, however. "We can control the reds," he announced, "as long as the police have weapons."

SLAVE BILL
KICKS BACK
ON TORIES

PORTLAND, Ore. — The Taft-Hartley law has boomeranged against some of its shrillest GOP supporters here, leaving them "amazed" and "stunned."

Feeling the kickback were petticoated members of Pro-America and other Republican women's organizations who incorporated recently during a campaign to force public accounting of union funds. To their acute dismay, the women have just learned that the federal corrupt practices act, as amended by the Taft-Hartley law, makes it unlawful for any corporation "to make a contribution or expenditure in connection with any election to any political office or in connection with any primary election, political convention or caucus."

Mrs. George T. Gerlinger, Republican national committeewoman, expressed herself as "stunned" when informed that her Republican Festival Assn., currently engaged in raising funds to send two young Republicans to a 1948 political convention in Philadelphia, might be in violation of the law.

"I think it would be amazing if we were prohibited from doing this voluntary work and I think I should be inclined to contest it (the law)," she cried.

Asked to comment on the plight of unions, which are also barred by the act from making political contributions, Mrs. Gerlinger said she had "nothing to say." In addition to her Pro-America activities, Mrs. Gerlinger is the wife of George Gerlinger, head of the Willemette Valley Lumber Co.

They Sure Get Around

Huge Red Stars Reported on Edge of the Milky Way—Headline in daily paper.

Gosh, have the Russians moved in up there, too? Now we know what they mean when they refer to a Russian "Satellite."

FEDERATION TO
ADMIT UNIONS
FROM REICH

WASHINGTON — German railroad and transportation unions will be admitted to the International Transportworkers Federation at once, ITF Gen. Sec. J. H. Oldenbrook said. The Dutch labor leader said this decision was made unanimously by the ITF executive committee meeting here at the Hamilton Hotel.

Oldenbrook added that "all leaders of the German transport unions in the British and American zones, and many in the other zones are personally known to the ITF."

Most are tried anti-Nazis, he said. About 350,000 German workers are members of the unions which have already applied for admission to the federation, which embraces rail and other transport workers in most of western and northern Europe. The Railway Labor Executives Assn., embracing 21 unions of railroad workers, is the American affiliate of the ITF.

The ITF executives, meeting in the U. S. for the first time since World War II, decided to call a Pacific area conference of transport unions, to open in Sydney, Australia, on April 12, 1948. Unions to be invited include those in Australia, New Zealand, Indonesia, the Philippines, India, South Africa and possibly China.

Oldenbrook said the ITF executives had not yet decided on admission of Japanese unions, but said there was "no doubt the Japanese Seamen's Union will soon be admitted."

N. Jersey Labor
Going All-Out
On Election Day

ATLANTIC CITY, N. J.—"Election day will be judgment day for all labor," the New Jersey State Federation of Labor convention said in a resolution vowing a political fight to the finish against congressional supporters of the Taft-Hartley Act.

The convention, which concluded its 69th annual session, denounced the act as "infamous legislation, disruptive of industrial stability" and having as its aim "chaos and confusion in industrial relations."

The 800 delegates authorized appointment of a full-time paid political coordinator and called on organized labor and other liberal organizations to begin "embarking on a united political campaign to defeat reactionaries and elect those pledged to progressive policies."

Another resolution denounced Communist activities in unions. The convention also denounced the "avarice" of the real estate lobby and called for adoption of a state fair employment practices bill.

Unions Bring Movies
To Japanese Farmers

TOKYO — Workers and farmers who never in their lives saw movies will get their first chance with the help of the Japan Labor Union Film Council. The council is sponsoring a movement to get good films into remote areas by converting railway cars into mobile theaters. In Hokkaido the coal miners union has undertaken to finance a film unit which will transport movies to the various mining districts.

Well, We've Always
Contended That Law
Was to Help Bosses

WASHINGTON—The Labor Relations Reporter, a weekly analysis of labor law much used by personnel officers of employers, recently carried the following comment:

"So far as supervisors are concerned, the law presently effective (Taft-Hartley) is the pre-1935 common law. Employers are legally free to interfere with the unions, discourage union membership by discriminatory discharges and demotions, maintain a blacklist, engage in lockouts and refuse to bargain collectively."

Back to the good old days, according to the Labor Relations Reporter.

Canadian Labor
Fights Soaring
Cost of Living

TORONTO—Skyrocketing prices are one of the main problems confronting delegates to the 62nd annual convention of Canada's Trades & Labor Congress (AFL). Only a few weeks after the government lifted controls, prices started skyrocketing and are still climbing. Rye bread, for instance, leaped overnight from 8c to 24c. Only one out of five Canadian workers won wage gains from last summer's strikes. Officials figures show Canadian workers earn about 40 per cent less than U.S. workers, but prices are climbing close to U.S. levels.

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